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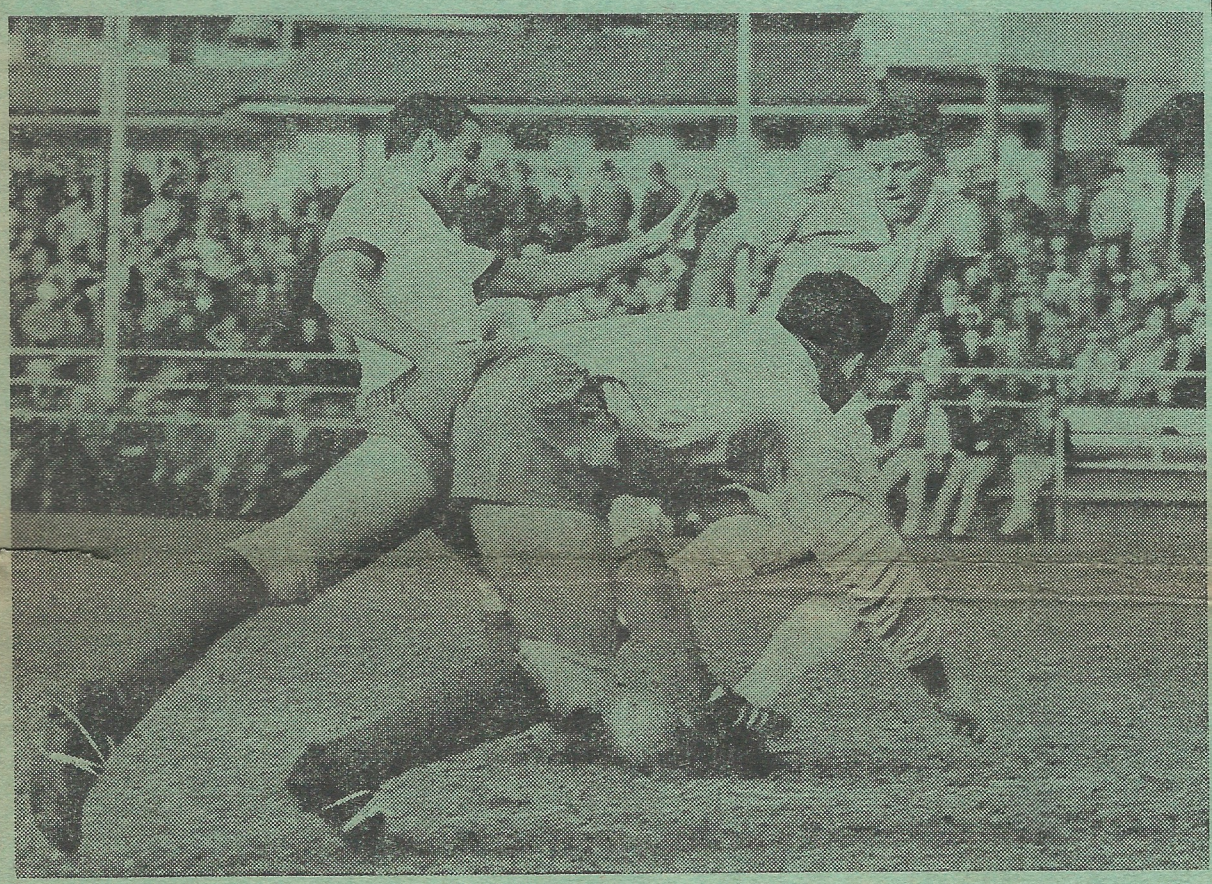
THREE'S A CROWD AT WENTWORTH PARK

REAL MADRID KEEN TO COME — AT A PRICE

After many years of starvation the Australian fan can look forward to watching quite a few overseas teams in action, including world famous sides.



In sharp contrast to the recent lean years, the Australian Federation can now pick and choose from literally dozens of tour applicants.

EUROPE'S BEST

One of them is none less than the great Real Madrid, possibly Europe's best club team of all times.

Real Madrid are one of the seven Spanish first division clubs that have recently applied to tour Australia.

Their visit would undoubtedly be the sporting sensation of the year in Australia.

Thousands of so far uninitiated Australians would go and see just about the only European team they have ever heard of.

And those soccer gourmets who sadly missed the artistic touch from Everton's game would be richly compensated.

Real Madrid want £5.000 a match—the fee every country has gladly paid them.

Although this is about five times higher than the sum collected by Everton for each of their games, the Australian Federation should think twice before rejecting the offer.

In both Sydney and Melbourne capacity houses would be a certainty.

The other Spanish clubs which are interested to play in Australia are Barcelona FC, Atletico Bilbao, Sevilla, Valencia, Zaragoza and Atletico Madrid.

Panathinaikos, the 1963-1964 Greek champions, are also keen to tour Australia.

MANY OFFERS

Australian Federation secretary Bob Clark has been inundated with letters from overseas clubs.

Last week's mail brought 10 new applications, including the seven from Spain.

Czechoslovakia's Jednota Trencin is another club whose officials have written to the Australian Federation seeking terms for a short visit.

CANADA TOO

Even Canada got into the act, Montreal Football Club showing interest in a four-match tour in October.

The Canadians will not even be considered as their drawing power would be negligible in Australia and their standards perhaps even weaker than ours.

HUNGARIAN OLYMPIANS

However, the next team we may see in Australia could well be the Hungarian Olympic team.

A Qantas official is now in Budapest negotiating with officials of the Hungarian FA (MLSZ).

Budapest-St. George of Sydney and Hungaria SC of Melbourne have a joint scheme to bring the Hungarians here late in October, after the Tokyo Olympics.

The same Qantas official is also authorised to come to touring terms with MTK of Budapest, finalists in this year's European Cup-winners' Cup.

All applications for tours will be presented to the executive of the Australian Federation when it meets in Melbourne on July 18.

At this stage it appears certain that all offers for 1965 will be declined as a top Russian team is all set to tour Australia extensively in February and March.

If any other team should receive some consideration it may be Panathinaikos for a short visit sometime next year as a Greek team would ensure fairly big gates.

Soccer should grab St. Kilda ground

Now it's out in the open: St. Kilda Cricket Club have invited applications for the use of their spacious and well laid out ground.

In their newspaper insertions St. Kilda Cricket Club emphasise that their ground is the best suburban one in Melbourne, with an unequalled surface, first class amenities and a capacity for 50,000 spectators.

They state that parking facilities are also unequalled elsewhere.

Closing date for tenders is 15th August 1964.

At this early stage neither the Victorian Soccer Federation nor any club has given any hint as to their ultimate intentions to apply.

But it has been widely known for some time that two of the best supported State League clubs, who at present are not satisfied with their present abodes, are more than interested.

With the progress of the game uppermost in our minds, first class grounds are a "must" and it is to be hoped that any soccer application for these unrivalled facilities will spell success for the "round ball game".

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The arrival this week of centre half, Roy Thurnham from England has ended a six-month wait for George Cross.

The 21-year-old Thurnham was born at Macclesfield and at 14 was playing for the talented Manchester schoolboys.

He signed professional forms for Manchester City at the age of 17 and spent two years there playing mostly at centre half and full back in the reserve sides.

Moving to Wrexham with his old boss, manager Ken Barnes, Thurnham proved his worth to the Welsh club by turning in some great performances in their Cheshire County League side.

But he has also made several first team appearances for Wrexham.

Roy is the real sporting type.

He is an excellent table tennis player, a first class swimmer and a former England schoolboy cricket star.

It is on the cards that he will join up with South Melbourne during the cricketing season.

Recently married, Roy hopes to gain an appointment as a P.T. instructor at one of the schools where his sporting ability and fitness should be an asset.

—Bob Low

Staff photographer Les Brady took these two incidents at last Sunday's match between Hakoah and Prague (1-3). TOP: Ron Lord and Johnny Bond vie for the ball with Hakoah's Jim Christie. ABOVE: Johnny Bond vehemently protests to team manager Wiesner about his expulsion.

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EDITORIAL

Gimmicks won't help the game

... Periodically Sydney fans are treated to a grandiose statement by the Australian Federation about the big and earth shattering schemes that are afoot.

The roaring headlines would make you believe that within a few years we will challenge Brazil for top honors.

Huge sums are mentioned as earmarked for vast projects, ranging from super stadia to mass media advertising, from world tours to junior development.

And then nothing happens.

A strange, eerie sort of quiet follows in which the fans can almost hear the contented chuckles of those officials who plant these stories.

It would be a much better idea if the Australian Federation tried to run the existing things properly rather than daydream about moonshots.

The Interstate Representative Championship is dying of public apathy, some of the member States clamor for stronger autonomy and at this late stage the future of the Australia Cup hangs in the balance.

Australian soccer doesn't need gimmicks but sober, steadfast and practical planning and management.

It is one thing to create a lot of publicity for the game and another to give false leads to the clubs and supporters.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

"Luisito" in line for top honors as Europe's best

Although we are only halfway through the year, it looks almost certain that Spain's brilliant 29-year old inside left Luis Suarez will win the European Footballer of the Year award, a golden ball presented by the Parisian FRANCE FOOTBALL.

This may be the second time that Suarez wins the award.

He first got it in 1960 when he was with CF Barcelona, beating Ferenc Puskas and Uwe Seeler in the contest.

This year Suarez reached the pinnacle of his career.

First with his club, Internazionale Milan—which he had joined two years ago—he won the European Champions' Cup.

And now, with his native Spain, he took out the European Nations' Cup.

In both these wins Suarez was his side's hero.

Suarez was born on May 2, 1935 at Coruna, on the northern coast of Spain.

His first club at 16 was FC Fabril, a third division club.

The day after he turned 18—the minimum age when Spanish first division sides can legally use players—Suarez signed on with Coruna.

His very first game was against the mighty FC Barcelona.

Although Coruna lost 6-1, Suarez so impressed the officials of the opponents that within a month he became their player—for a cool £18,000 transfer fee.

There he soon began to shine and, with his idol Laszlo Kubala, formed a deadly inside forward partnership.

After nine seasons with FC Barcelona, Suarez was transferred to Inter Milan for £200,000.

And in Italy "Luisito" has gone on to further successes, culminating in this year's classic double.

EUROPE

This year's international coaching congress was held last week at Leipzig, in East Germany.

Several world famous coaches, managers and referees held lectures on all facets of modern soccer.

Well known names at the congress were Allen Wade (England), Leo Horn (Holland), Helmut Schon (Germany) and Janos Palfai (Hungary).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Spartak Sokolovo, the team that was once the legendary Sparta of Prague, scored a great win over MTK in the Mitropa Cup.

The first tie in Prague ended in a 1-1 draw but the return, in Budapest, was won by the Czechs 3-1.

Sokolovo includes many famous Czech internationals like fullback Tichy and forwards Masek and Mraz.

ENGLAND

English soccer attendances have dropped 30 per cent. since 1949.

In 1949, 41,271.424 fans watched play in England's four professional leagues; last season the figure was 28,527.-741.

Everton and Liverpool were the biggest drawcards, averaging 49,401 and 45,032 respectively, followed by Manchester United (44,125), Tottenham (43,800) and second division Sunderland (41,258).

BRAZIL

Brazilian soccer writers are hailing a new 20-year-old Negro as the new Amarildo.

He is Botafogo forward Jairzinho who resembles the 1962 World Cup star in every respect.

Jairzinko has the same height, weight and build as Amarildo, displays all the Milan star's characteristics and plays for the same club as Amarildo did in Brazil.

SCOTLAND

Glasgow Rangers, who again won Scotland's treble crown in 1963-64, are the world's most titled club.

Rangers have been champions 34 times, Cup winners on 18 occasions and have five Scottish League Cups to their credit.

Scotland's best-supported club have won 57 trophies in their 70-year-old history.

ARGENTINA

Argentina's most popular club is still River Plate.

"River" have a staggering 60,629 "socios", or paying supporter-members.

The following of other clubs is: Boca Juniors 47,366, Independiente 47,125, San Lorenzo 43,700, Velez Sarsfield 42,818, Racing Buenos Aires 40,825 and Huracan 18,500.

Even clubs in small provincial towns like Rosario have a membership of over 10,000 "socios".

ITALY

According to CALCIO ILLUSTRATO, Italy's leading soccer weekly, this is Italy's first division team of the year: Negri (Bologna), Furlanis (Bologna), Guarneri (Inter), Schnellinger (Mantova), Benitez (Messina), Picchi (Inter), Hamrin (Fiorentina), Mazzola (Inter), Nielsen (Bologna), Haller (Bologna), Corso (Inter).

There are five foreigners in the team — two Germans, one Peruvian, a Swede and a Dane — Nielsen, the top goalscorer in 1963-1964.

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INTERNATIONALS: Sweden v. Denmark 4-1 (Malmo).

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES: W. Germany v. Russia 4-1 (Warsaw; W. Germany qualifies for Tokyo).

RAPPAN CUP: La Chaux-de-Fonds v. Beringen 1-5, FC Liege v. Young Boys Berne 3-3; Beerschot v. FC Granges 1-1; Young Boys Berne v. Saarbrucken 3-2; Lausanne Sports v. Hertha Berlin 4-2; FC Granges v. FC Kaiserslautern 0-3; AIK Stockholm v. Slovan Bratislava 3-2; Beeringen v. DWS Amsterdam 2-3; FC Liege v. Breda 0-0; Angers v. Sarajevo 1-0; Toulouse v. Malmo 1-5.

MITROPA CUP: Spartak Sokolovo v. MTK Budapest 3-1; Polonia Bytom v. OFK Belgrade 1-0.

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS: Lens v. Sampdoria 6-2; Zenith Leningrad v. Benfica 1-0 (Florence); Meiderich v. FC Sao Paulo 1-1; Red Star (France) v. Rostov (Russia) 3-1; Lens v. Legia Warsaw 1-0.

PARIS TOURNAMENT: Anderlecht v. Reims 3-1; Borussia Dortmund v. Santos 3-1; Santos v. Reims 1-1; Anderlecht v. Borussia Dortmund 5-2.

ARGENTINA (7th round): Velez Sarsfield v. River Plate 4-2; San Lorenzo v. Rosario 0-0; Atlanta v. Racing 0-0; Chacarita v. Estudiantes 0-2; Boca Juniors v. Banfield 2-0; Gimnasia v. Argentinos 1-1; Independiente v. Huracan 0-0; Newell Old Boys v. Oeste 0-4. **Comp. leaders:** Boca Juniors 10; River Plate, Atlanta, Velez 9; Banfield, Independiente, Rosario, Oeste 8; Argentinos, Racing, San Lorenzo 7.

SPAIN (Cup semifinals): Zaragoza v. Barcelona 2-0; Atletico Madrid v. Valencia 3-1.

BULGARIA (28th round): Slavia v. Lokomotiva Gorna 4-1; Lokomotiva Sofia v. CDNA 3-2; Spartak Plevene v. Levski 0-0; Spartak Plovdiv v. Spartak Varna 2-1; Cernomore v. Spartak Sofia 3-0; Berse v. Lokomotiva Plovdiv 1-2; Dounav v. Zaimov 2-1; Marek v. Botev 5-0. **Comp. leaders:** Lokomotiva Sofia 41; Levski 37; Spartak Plovdiv, Slavia, Dounav 32; Cernomore 31; Spartak Plevene 28; Botev 27.

RUMANIA (24th round): Dynamo Bucharest v. Rapid 5-2; Progresul v. Red Star Bucharest 2-1; Constantza v. Brasov 2-2; Ploesti v. Iasi 2-1; Cluj v. Ardo 2-1; Timisoara v. Oradea 1-1; Pitesti v. Galatzi 2-1. **Comp. leaders:** Dynamo Bucharest 35; Red Star Bucharest, Rapid 29; Constantza 25; Brasov 24; Progresul, Pitesti 23.

PORTUGAL (Cup semifinal): Benfica v. Belenenses 3-0.

SWEDEN (11th round): Djurgarden v. Gais 3-1; Eskilstuna v. Degerfors 0-0; Goteborg v. Malmo 2-6; Helsingsborg v. AIK 3-0; Norrkoping v. Elesborg 5-0. **Comp. leaders:** Malmo 18; Djurgarden 17; Norrkoping 15; Orgryte 13, Degerfors 11; AIK, Elesborg, Goteborg, Helsingborg 9.

Briefly put . . .

Atletico Madrid have signed Barcelona's Paraguayan inside-left Eulogio Martinez ... England outside right Terry Paine wants a transfer from second division Southampton to play first division football in 1964-65 ... *Cardiff City's new coach is Jimmy Scoular, the 39-year-old former fourth division Bradford coach* ... Napoli's right winger Juan Carlos Tacchi has been fined £300 for striking a journalist, Romolo Acampora, who criticized his display in a match against Udinese ... *Milan AC's Dino Sani returned to his native Brazil last week to join Corinthians, Sao Paulo* ... Barcelona are anxious to secure the services of Germans Brulls (Modena) and Brungs (Borussia Dortmund) ... *Norway's top player, Roald Jensen from Brann, is sought after by Italian and Scottish clubs* ... Argentina's 1963-64 champions, Independiente, have not been defeated in their last 42 matches ... *Hamburger SV are likely to sign Finland's best player, centre-forward Peltonen* ... Yugoslavia will play the "rest of Europe" in Belgrade on September 23 in aid of the victims of last year's Skopje earthquake ... *Gyula Toth, a 23-year-old Hungarian will be the goalkeeper of West German Bundesliga club Schalke 04 next season* ... Standard Liege, one of Belgium's glamor clubs, have acquired two Brazilians, Luizinho and Gilberto, and West German international Karl Heinz Ripkens from FC Koln.

WHO COMES ? . . . WHO GOES ? . . . WHAT GOES ? . . .

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The NSW Federation Cup has not been forgotten altogether. NSW Federation secretary Aulden Brown will suggest to the Management Committee that the Cup be completed in September. Brown's tentative dates are Wednesday, September 2, for the quarterfinal matches South Coast v. Hakoah and APIA v. Bankstown and Wednesday, September 16, for the Budapest v. Pan Hellenic semifinal. The final, according to Brown should be played at the Sports Ground on Sunday, September 27, one week after the premiership grand final.

Conducted by EINAR PERSEN

BANKSTOWN have transferred Ray Neal and lent Archie Reid to the Cardiff club in Newcastle. Neal, incidentally, had a great debut, gaining one point in the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD Northern "Best and Fairest" award. Other Bankstown players may also go North soon as the "Towns" have been flooded with inquiries from Newcastle clubs.

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JOE Marston was the first man to congratulate the APIA players in the dressing-room after their win over Canterbury. Marston, who was dropped to the second team last week for the first time since joining APIA, was not in the least bitter about his demotion and is determined to fight his way back into the first team.

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NORBERTO Badaracco may need a cartilage operation as a result of his injury against Hakoah last weekend.

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BANKSTOWN still have to win a competition match on their home ground of Bankstown Oval. Only points gained by the "Towns" at home were results of draws with Croatia and Hakoah. All other nine Bankstown competition points were collected in "away" matches.

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SOUTH Coast United's South African-born outside left, Bill Perry, is showing the form which won him three international caps for England. Rated one of the outstanding wingers in Australia today, Perry is a real sportsman. Upon his arrival in Wollongong earlier this season, Perry was looked upon as a "certainty" to be chosen in Kelly's Australian squad. However, he declared himself unavailable saying he'd rather see a young Australian get the position, as he was unsure of his future. Perry will return to England late in August.

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HAROLD Parsons, in fact, may become the season's most controversial referee. Budapest-St. George have lodged a protest against the result of their match with S. Coast (0-1) claiming that the ball had been blatantly handled before the vital goal. Even South Coast officials are alleged to have admitted that the goal was not valid.

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BERNARD Bryant, the well known Sutherland coach, is in charge of Sutherland Shire's under-16 representative squad. Bryant hopes that many of the juniors will soon graduate to Sutherland's second grade team. There are more than 4,000 juniors in the Sutherland Shire, all of whom are more or less associated with the senior, second division club.

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JOHN Pettigrew, the Prague stopper, has recovered from his second cartilage operation in 12 months. He is back at work and has started light training.

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MARCONI fielded three brothers in their first team against Polonia-NS last Saturday. They are the McCann brothers — Ray, Jim and John. Seventeen-year-old John was making his first grade debut and impressed as a right winger of outstanding ability.

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APIA were very pleased with Johnny Giacometti's come-back in the first team against Canterbury last Sunday. Giacometti made his presence felt by scoring APIA's first goal before half time to reduce the score to 1-2 after the Berries had led 2-0 in the first eight minutes.

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CORINTHIANS, too, still have to win a match on their home ground at Drummoyne. As a matter of fact Corinthians have not even collected a single point at home, all their six points to date coming from "away" clashes.

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DID you know that Bankstown and Prague have finished one player short on five occasions this year?

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THREE minor grade deferred matches will be played at Wentworth Park on Saturday. They are Pan Hellenic v. APIA (3rd grade at 11.45 a.m., Yugal v. South Coast United (2nd grade) 1.15 p.m. and Pan Hellenic v. APIA (2nd grade) at 3.00 p.m.

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CUMBERLAND goalkeeper Brian Stevens is engaged to Miss Sue Latter of Balgowlah and will get married next February.

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ADAUTO Iglesias' injury is a blessing for young Johnny Roberts who is getting a lot of experience filling in for the former Real Madrid custodian.

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THE wife of Hakoah halfback David Edwards, the former Fulham player, arrived on Wednesday with her son and daughter.

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PETER Banicevic may be back in action next week. The brilliant Budapest stopper suffered an ankle injury in the match against Canterbury and for five days had his foot in plaster. However, the ankle has responded to treatment splendidly and this week Banicevic started light training.

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SOUTH Coast United's brilliant ball-playing inside forward Mike Johnson is displaying his best form since arriving from Fulham late last season. Johnson has now settled down completely and is regularly outshining fellow inside-forwards John Doherty and Graham Barnett. Johnson took charge of the "Coasters" while Jim Kelly was in camp with the Australian squad.

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AT long last Corinthians' former Arsenal outside-left Gordon Nutt has landed in Sydney. He arrived last Tuesday morning at 6.35 a.m. and will play in the first team against Croatia on Saturday at Arlington Oval.

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PRAGUE are holding a dance on Saturday night at Dunbar House to welcome back their president, John Domabyl, who just returned from an overseas trip. Domabyl returned home last Sunday night at 11 p.m. — too late to see Prague beat Hakoah 3-1.

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RADIO Station 2WL, Wollongong, is the only station in NSW to give second division results. These can be heard at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday night together with all first division details.

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NEWCASTLE club Wallsend were interested in Bankstown's Roger Marklew but the player is not for sale as he now is a regular first grader.

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APIA are being very selective in their choice of imports. Although Bob Walker has been flooded with applications from players to migrate to Australia as a result of his recent visit to the United Kingdom, APIA officials prefer to wait and really catch a "big fish". The club has a well-known agent in England who, so far, has not recommended any of the players who offered their services.

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BANKSTOWN's new English import, Melville Neil, from Preston North End will arrive on July 10.

NSW SECOND DIVISION

Granville-AEK desperate to hang on to lead at Francis Park on Sunday

Polonia-NS nearly dropped a vital point last Sunday at Bossley Park when they only beat Marconi 1-0.

Marconi held the highly-rated visitors to a scoreless draw until the dying stages when Polonia-NS converted a penalty to gain two of the season's most important points.

Granville-AEK recovered from their slight slump by thrashing Sydney Austral 4-0 at Macarthur Park in a fast game dominated by the leaders from start to finish.

Wollongong Olympic outclassed Blacktown-BSK at Balgownie to the tune of 3-0.

The tight provincial defence completely subdued Blacktown's match-winning Jelisavcic and Zivkovic, thus starving their opponents of any goal-scoring chance.

Melita Eagles' 4-0 victory over Manly place them only two points behind Blacktown-BSK

The Eagles' draw is easier than Blacktown's and they could easily qualify for the semifinals for the first time this year.

By beating Sutherland, Concordia jumped above their "victims" into sixth place.

The Concordia-Sutherland match was possibly the best of the round, producing good football and a feast of well-conceived goals.

Western United had little trouble beating Thistle 3-0 and are now clear from the last two placings on the competition table.

The largest crowd last weekend was at Marconi Oval, Bossley Park, where some 1,500 spectators packed the ground.

Nearly 3,000 people watched the 16th round.

THIS WEEKEND

All eyes will be focused at Francis Park where the fate of promotion could be decided when Blacktown-BSK clash with Granville-AEK.

A draw would be enough for Granville to lose their lead for the first time this season as Polonia-NS appear certain to beat Western United at Drummoyne Oval.

Granville-AEK, however, are firm favorites to win following Blacktown-BSK's humiliating loss at Balgownie last Saturday.

Despite the home ground advantage Blacktown-BSK look too disjointed for the purposeful, hard-hitting Granville who may well be playing their whole future at Francis Park.

Concordia will be playing two games this weekend, including a deferred Saturday match against Western United.

They should beat Wardaugh's United but their chances against Melita Eagles are slim.

Sydney Austral always have a tough match against Manly, but should come out on top.

In other matches Wollongong Olympic would have to suffer a remarkable reversal of form to lose to Thistle and Sutherland and Marconi are tipped to draw at Seymour Shaw Park.

Around the clubs

CORINTHIANS will protest to the Federation about H. Parsons' handling of their match last week against Pan Hellenic. Corinthians officials claim that the referee erred on a point of law when he allowed Pan Hellenic's second goal last Sunday. According to secretary Les Farr the ball was kicked from goalie Bathurst's hands before the goal was scored.

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Very few tickets are still available for Hakoah's silver anniversary ball at the Chevron Hilton this Saturday at 8 p.m. There will be a lavish floor show and a "tombola" during the evening. Anybody wishing to obtain tickets can still do so by ringing social chairman Szenes (69-1351 or 37-8328).

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TCN's FOCUS ON FOOTBALL on Saturday morning will feature highlights of last Sunday's APIA v. Canterbury game. The film, as usual, was taken by Terry Byrne who will also interview a soccer personality on the show.

Newcastle tipped to soon lose special autonomy

Newcastle is in grave danger of losing its autonomy in Australian soccer.

General feeling in Australian soccer circles is that Newcastle is too weak and unable to go it alone.

Odds are that the majority of States will direct the Australian Federation executive to reintegrate Newcastle into the NSW Federation.

Newcastle, or North NSW, were granted autonomy last year, but only grudgingly as most States felt that Newcastle should remain part of NSW just as Geelong and Port Pirie are part and parcel of the Victorian and South Australian Federations respectively.

Autonomy as a separate centre allowed Newcastle to enter a team in the Australian representative championship and the Australia Cup.

These ventures, however, have proved total flops in Newcastle.

Australia Cup and Australian Championship matches in Newcastle have drawn very small crowds, resulting in great loss of revenue to the Australian Federation.

It was, however, the poor gate at the Everton v. Northern NSW match which really turned Australian Federation officials against Newcastle's seperate entity.

The Australian Federation had banked on gate takings of £4,500 for the Newcastle game, but actual takings were only £2,200.

Although Sydney delegates will fight hard to retain Newcastle's autonomy, it appears certain that they will be outvoted by Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland who have always resented Newcastle's special position.

The 1965 Annual General Meeting of the Federation is likely to change the North's status, merging Newcastle back into NSW.

—Lincoln Walters

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APIA	9	1	4	38	23	19
S. Coast Utd.	7	2	3	24	16	16
Hakoah	7	2	4	31	24	16
Prague	8	—	6	33	26	16
Cum'land Utd.	6	3	5	37	26	15
Budapest	6	3	5	28	23	15
Yugal	7	1	4	30	28	15
Pan Hellenic	7	1	6	30	29	15
Croatia	6	3	5	29	30	15
Bankstown	4	3	6	22	28	11
Corinthians	2	2	9	25	35	6
Canterbury	—	1	12	14	53	1

FIRST DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	8	3	2	37	16	19
Pan Hellenic	7	3	2	41	22	17
S. Coast Utd.	7	2	2	31	20	16
Croatia	6	3	5	25	24	15
Prague	7	—	5	29	23	14
Bankstown	5	2	6	27	37	12
Cum'land Utd.	4	3	6	38	32	11
APIA	3	5	4	19	25	11
Canterbury	4	3	5	16	24	11
Budapest	4	2	6	29	31	10
Yugal	1	4	6	15	25	6
Corinthians	3	—	10	19	48	6

FIRST DIVISION
Third Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	9	3	1	41	11	21
Budapest	9	1	4	26	21	19
Bankstown	9	—	4	31	16	18
Yugal	7	2	2	30	14	16
APIA	6	4	3	34	22	16
S. Coast Utd.	6	3	2	35	14	15
Hakoah	6	2	5	27	28	14
Corinthians	4	3	6	15	26	11
Prague	3	1	8	18	28	7
Cum'land Utd.	3	1	9	16	35	7
Pan Hellenic	2	1	9	12	30	5
Croatia	—	3	11	10	48	3

SECOND DIVISION
First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville-AEK	14	1	1	74	23	29
Polonia-NS	13	2	1	60	15	28
W. Olympic	11	—	5	46	26	22
Blacktown-BSK	9	1	6	46	38	19
Melita Eagles	6	5	5	29	24	17
Concordia	5	4	6	35	33	14
Sutherland	5	3	8	39	66	13
Marconi	5	2	7	24	29	12
S. Austral	3	5	7	30	39	11
Western Utd.	4	1	9	27	44	9
Thistle	2	3	10	28	45	7
Manly	1	1	13	13	58	3

SECOND DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville-AEK	13	1	2	76	19	27
Concordia	10	3	2	34	15	23
W. Olympic	11	1	4	46	24	23
Polonia-NS	9	3	4	47	29	21
Sutherland	9	1	6	48	34	19
Manly	8	2	5	42	28	18
Blacktown-BSK	7	—	8	38	46	14
Marconi	4	2	8	23	28	10
Melita Eagles	3	2	11	19	47	8
Western Utd.	3	1	10	17	41	7
Thistle	3	—	12	31	55	6
S. Austral	2	2	10	25	80	6

Last week's results

FIRST DIVISION
2nd and 3rd Grades

Budapest v. Cumberland	4-2	4-1
Bankstown v. SCU	3-3	4-2
Yugal v. Croatia	1-1	5-0
Corinthians v. P. Hellenic	0-2	1-3
Hakoah v. Prague	2-1	5-1
Canterbury v. APIA	2-2	3-2

SECOND DIVISION
1st and 2nd Grades

W. Olympic v. Blacktown	3-0	3-1
Western Utd. v. Thistle	3-0	0-1
Manly v. Melita Eagles	0-4	8-0
Granville v. S. Austral	4-0	13-0
Concordia v. Sutherland	4-2	3-2
Marconi v. Polonia-NS	0-1	1-3

LEADING SCORERS

J. WATKISS (APIA)	15
H. NINAUS (Hakoah)	12
J. RICHARDSON (Cumberland)	11
G. BARNETT (SCU)	10
J. GALAMBOS (Budapest)	10
J. ALAGICH (Yugal)	9
B. KELLY (Cumberland)	9
D. LOGAN (Pan Hellenic)	9
L. SCHEINFLUG (Prague)	9
B. BARNES (Corinthians)	7
R. HOARE (Croatia)	7
A. NINCEVIC (Yugal)	7
B. SMITH (Pan Hellenic)	7

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RESULTS & SCORERS

BUDAPEST
2 (1)

J. Warren 13 min., J. Galambos 74 min.

CUMBERLAND
1 (1)

M. Collins 16 min.

BANKSTOWN
1 (1)

R. Bamforth 11 min.

S. COAST UTD.
3 (1)

M. Johnson 16 min., G. Barnett 49 min., W. Perry 80 min.

HAKOAH
1 (0)

J. Christie 61 min.

PRAGUE
3 (2)

N. Badaracco 38 min., L. Scheinflug 42 min. (penalty), R. Blitz 55 min.

CANTERBURY
2 (2)

D. Yaager 3 and 8 min.

APIA
4 (1)

G. Giacometti 39 min., J. Watkiss 60 and 68 min., W. Sinclair 75 min.

CORINTHIANS
2 (0)

L. Bennett 47 min., S. Hart 89 min.

PAN HELLENIC
3 (0)

D. Logan 56 min., J. Eleftheriadis 66 min., D. Lapwood 82 min. own goal.

CROATIA
3 (2)

R. Hoare 20 min., R. Frazer 37 and 60 min.

YUGAL
1 (0)

A. Nincevic 85 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

M. Clark 4; H. Stegbauer 4, T. Zuckerman 4; M. Schaefer 4, N. Brisby 2, *H. Rodriguez* 5; J. Galambos 3, J. Warren 3, A. Stokes 3, V. Fernandez 4, L. Heredia 3.

TOTAL: 39 **Coach: L. Hegyes**

J. Comonsoli 3; W. Addison 4, P. Keen 4; G. Arnott 4, R. Folwell 4, G. McPhail 4, S. Turner 3, B. Kelly 2, J. Richardson 3, M. Collins 2, V. Reynolds 3.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: L. Quested.**

W. Rorke 3; R. Madden 3, T. West 4; B. Jarvis 3, R. Cowling 3, B. Heward 4; N. Stiffle 3, R. Hewitt 3, W. Hume 2 (injured), R. Bamforth 4, R. Marklew 3.

TOTAL: 35 **Coach: R. Hewitt**

B. Rhodes 5; P. Woods 4, B. Salisbury 3; J. Kelly 3, J. Harris 4, M. Tolston 3; D. Mayers 3, M. Johnson 4, J. Doherty 3, G. Barnett 3, W. Perry 3.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: J. Kelly**

G. McGuire 3; T. Edwards 4, A. Marnock 4; R. Kearns 4, M. Woods 3, D. Edwards 3; D. Walsh 3, L. Baumgartner 3, J. Christie 3, E. Holder 4, H. Ninaus 4.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: M. Woods.**

R. Lord 5; F. Falzon 4, J. Bond (sent off); G. Jones 4, *A. Handorf* 5, S. Sherwin 4; R. Blitz 3, G. Sleight 3, N. Badaracco 2 (injured), L. Scheinflug 3, L. Gauto 3.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: W. Tamandl**

R. Corry 5; J. Dougan 3, G. Nuttall 4; B. Senior 3, T. North 3, R. Dougan 4; J. Amigo 2, D. Yaager 4, T. Ewing 3, R. Baker 3, C. Lorenzo 2.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: G. Azzopardi**

J. Roberts 4; C. Van Blerk 3, S. Ackerley 4; P. Hughes 3, *R. Murua* 5, F. Bottalico 3; W. Sinclair 3, *D. Falconer* 5, J. Watkiss 3, P. Wright 3, G. Giacometti 3.

TOTAL: 39 **Coach: G. Polgar.**

J. Bathurst 3; D. Lapwood 3, P. Dewhurst 3; B. Williams 4, *R. Robinson* 5, T. Arnold 4; D. Todd 2, L. Bennett 3, P. Barnes 3, P. Irving 2, S. Hart 3.

TOTAL: 35 **Coach: F. Broome.**

J. Bout 4; D. Wright 4, G. Yangou 3; J. Thorne 3, J. Fernie 4, C. Omeros 3; D. Logan 4, B. Smith 4, J. Eleftheriadis 2, S. Patrinos 3, J. Pearson 3.

TOTAL: 37 **Coach: F. Hearn.**

O. Collazo 4; J. Puig 4, J. Gergely 4; G. Ledezma 4, A. Hetherington 4, *N. Bischoff* 5; I. Tomicic 3, M. Rinos 4, E. Massey 4, R. Hoare 3, R. Frazer 4.

TOTAL: 43 **Coach: E. Massey**

M. Mazzina 3; H. Ringhoff 4, J. Mucillo 3; L. Lazarevic 3, M. Stojanovic 4, F. Dunaj 3; S. Dragovic 2, E. Schwarz 4, A. Nincevic 2, D. Palmer 2, S. Rafaneli 3.

TOTAL: 33 **Coach: A. Jagodic.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Budapest won a dull, scrappy game against the run of play. Cumberland attacked for most of the second half but were unable to press home their advantage through sheer impotency in front of goal. Budapest were slightly the better team in the first half but surprisingly spent the entire second period in defence. An incredible number of passes went astray during the game which was definitely dominated by both sets of defenders, Budapest's Rodriguez standing out as the best player on the field.

Referee F. Sbisa was good.

Crowd: 2,200 **— LOU GAUTIER**

After a dull first half the match livened up as both teams strived for victory. Although South Coast led 2-1 after 49 minutes, the match was very open until Perry's clinching 80th minute goal. Bankstown, despite the loss of the injured Hume, had many chances to score but the visitors' defence was inspired by the magnificent display of goalie Rhodes who made some ciraculous saves. South Coast were slightly the better team throughout but Bankstown could have saved a point with any sort of luck.

Some of referee H. Eilerts' decisions were puzzling.

Crowd: 2,400 **— EINAR PERSEN**

This was an odd match indeed. For at least 75 minutes Hakoah were firmly in command but Prague, first with 10 and then with nine men, fought on gallantly and never looked like losing. Hakoah clearly showed their limitations which are mainly in the forward line. Everything hinges on the Ninaus-Christie partnership and this time the tandem failed. All three Prague goals were unexpected and rather lucky. Despite this, Prague fully deserved their win as they showed tremendous courage as well as an ability to make the most of their few chances.

Referee Boskovic wasn't at his best,

Crowd: 4,500 **— PAUL DEAN**

Canterbury again cracked up after establishing a good, deserved lead. APIA had to fight all the way and only clinched the match with a three-goal scoring burst midway through the second half. Reason for APIA's recovery was a great display of generalship by Duncan Falconer who "made" three of APIA's goals. APIA's defence, with the exception of Murua and Ackerley, was unsteady and all at sea in the first 15 minutes of the game.

Referee F. Woolman was fair.

Crowd: 3,600 **— LINCOLN WALTERS**

Corinthians were unlucky not to gain at least one point from this mediocre, dull encounter. Pan Hellenic lacked cohesion and played colorlessly. Both sets of forwards were weak, ruining good chances created by the diligent half-back lines. Most of the play in this match was held midfield where centre halves reigned supreme. Corinthians had more scoring chances but Pan Hellenic's opportunism was rewarded by a narrow, if unconvincing, victory.

Referee H. Parsons was not impressive.

Crowd: 2,500 **— DES BROADIS**

Yugal were given a lesson by an inspired, brilliant Croatia. Yugal were never in the race and could have conceded many more goals as Croatia's forward-line always had the better of play. The slow, cumbersome Yugal attack rarely clicked, wasting chances in front of goal through apathy. Croatia played some of their best football of the season, every player doing his share to outclass their opponents in a one-sided, yet always interesting game.

Referee K. Lockrey was good.

Crowd: 4,300 **— LOU GAUTIER**

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By PAUL DEAN

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Just look at the table and you'll agree that any of nine teams can still be champions and can be relegated.

And should Bankstown collect four points this weekend — and why should they not?—then you could make the number a round 10.

At this stage, with eight rounds to go, we fancy the semifinal chances of APIA and South Coast only.

As for the relegation, Canterbury are sunk and Corinthians also look that way.

But next week the picture may change again...

Croatia v. Corinthians

SOMETHING AMISS

How can any sane man be guided by Croatia's results when one week they lose 6-0 to APIA and then next week beat Yugal 3-1?

Last Sunday they showed their early April form and that could be enough to win them this match.

But they are just as likely to get unstuck and lose by a big margin.

Corinthians are in many ways an unlucky team — unlucky mainly that they haven't got at least a couple of really outstanding players.

With those they could have collected several points in matches which they narrowly lost.

Our tip: Draw.

C'land v. Bankstown

CLAMP TRAP

The theme song of this match, from Cumberland's viewpoint, could well be "Anything you can do I can do better".

In many ways the two teams are quite similar but Cumberland's more superior polish makes them the better side.

Last week it was seen that once Reynolds and Turner are caught in a clamp, the Cumberland machine starts to cough.

Bankstown can gain hope from the fact that they don't play at home — where they have yet to win a match.

However, it will take more than superstition for Bankstown to get even one point at Mona Park.

Our tip: Cumberland.

Prague v. Canterbury

NO CAKEWALK

Although we are impressed by Canterbury's fighting spirit, we can't help wondering just when do they actually throw in the towel?

Most if not all their matches are lost in the same pattern: the forwards fail to hold the ball for any length of time and eventually the pressure on the defence becomes unbearable.

Prague last week played poor football with a king-size heart.

However, with the overweight Tristram, injured Badaracco and probably suspended Bond, they will have line-up problems.

The match may not be as one sided as it appears especially if Prague take the points for granted.

Our tip: Prague.

P. Hellenic v. B'pest

TWO HATES

Two lucky winners of last week meet here in what may be a gigantic battle.

Pan Hellenic have been unimpressive for weeks and the perpetually rushing, bustling forwards look much more frightening than they actually are.

Budapest have been collecting their recent points with a very solid defence and a slightly revitalised forward line.

However, their pet hatred in the past has always been playing against Pan Hellenic — and at Wentworth Park.

JOHN WARREN (B'pest)

They managed to win this "double" only once, in 1962, when they went on to win the championship.

Our tip: Draw.

APIA v. Yugal

OUT OF A HAT

Should APIA win this vital match, they will have taken a big step towards the semifinals.

A lot depends on how the injuries of Wong and Jaros will respond to treatment, because a reserve-ridden APIA may have trouble in holding Yugal.

Last week Yugal gave a wretched performance and proved that their forward line trouble is of chronic nature.

APIA play the faster, more modern kind of football and one wonders how some of Yugal's aging stars will cope with this on the turf of spacious Sports Ground.

Even a total reversal of form is possible but Yugal will have to pull something out of the hat.

Our tip: APIA.

S. Coast v. Hakoah

DREADED SHOTS

The team that wants to win the championship must win this match.

South Coast, now on the mend, have the team to do it unless their suspect left flank in the defence lets them down.

JIM HARRIS (SCU)

Hakoah last Sunday strangely lacked finishing power — strangely because of the presence of such dreaded shots as Ninaus, Baumgartner, Christie and Holder.

Their defence had bad lapses against a depleted Prague and a repetition of these against South Coast could be very costly.

The home atmosphere and the better cohesion may decide the match in South Coast's favor though the result may be very close.

Our tip: Draw.

B'town v. Canterbury

WIN A MUST

This earlier deferred match is of vital importance to Bankstown.

They must win these two points to stay in contact with some of the teams just ahead of them.

Both teams will be tired, after a previous day's game and the superior condition of Bankstown could swing it in their favor.

If Canterbury want to chalk up any win at all before their relegation, this is their chance — but it won't be easy.

Our tip: Bankstown.

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 4

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Croatia v. Corinthians — Arlington Oval
Cumberland v. Bankstown — Mona Park
Prague v. Canterbury — Marks Field

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Sydney Austral v. Manly — Cricket Ground No. 2
Thistle v. Wollongong Olympic — Knights Park
Concordia v. Western United — Fraser Park (deferred match)

SUNDAY, JULY 5

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Pan Hellenic v. Budapest — Wentworth Park
APIA v. Yugal — Sports Ground
SCU v. Hakoah — Woonona Oval
Bankstown v. Canterbury — Marks Field (deferred match)

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Melita Eagles v. Concordia — Fraser Park
Blacktown-BSK v. Granville-AEK — Francis Park
Sutherland v. Marconi — Seymour Shaw Park
Polonia-NS v. Western Utd. — Drummoyne Oval

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 11

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Bankstown v. Pan Hellenic — Bankstown Oval
Canterbury v. SCU — Arlington Oval
Hakoah v. Yugal — Wentworth Park
(deferred match)

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Sydney Austral v. Marconi — Cricket Ground No. 2
Thistle v. Granville-AEK — Knights Park

SUNDAY, JULY 12

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Budapest v. Croatia — Hurstville Oval
Corinthians v. Yugal — Drummoyne Oval
Prague v. APIA — Marks Field
Hakoah v. Cumberland Utd. — Wentworth Park

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Melita Eagles v. Western United — Fraser Park
Blacktown-BSK v. Concordia — Francis Park
Sutherland v. Polonia-NS — Seymour Shaw Park
Wollongong Olympic v. Manly — Balgownie Oval

SYDNEY TEAMS

CROATIA v. CORINTHIANS

O. COLLAZO	1	J. BATHURST
J. PUIG	2	D. LAPWOOD
J. GERGELY	3	P. DEWHURST
G. LEDEZMA	4	B. WILLIAMS
A. HETHERINGTON	5	R. ROBINSON
N. BISCHOFF	6	T. ARNOLD
M. RINOS	7	D. TODD
E. MASSEY	8	L. BENNETT
R. HOARE	9	P. BARNES
L. SCHAUMAN	10	P. IRVING
R. FRAZER	11	G. NUTT

Referee: N. JONES
Linesmen: J. Scifleet, N.F. Jones.

CUMBERLAND v. BANKSTOWN

B. STEVENS	1	W. RORKE
W. ADDISON	2	R. MADDEN
P. KEEN	3	T. WEST
G. ARNOTT	4	B. JARVIS
R. FOLWELL	5	R. COWLING
G. McPHAIL	6	B. HEWARD
S. TURNER	7	N. STIFFLE
B. KELLY	8	R. HEWITT
J. RICHARDSON	9	W. BAMFORTH
M. COLLINS	10	N. OBERMAN
V. REYNOLDS	11	R. MARKLEW

Referee: J. SCARBOROUGH
Linesmen: A.R. Brown, L. Smit.

PRAGUE v. CANTERBURY

R. LORD	1	R. CORRY
K. HIRON	2	J. DOUGAN
F. FALZON	3	G. NUTTALL
G. JONES	4	B. SENIOR
A. HANDORF	5	T. NORTH
S. SHERWIN	6	R. DOUGAN
R. BLITZ	7	J. AMIGO
B. TRISTRAM	8	D. YAAGER
G. SLEIGHT	9	T. EWING
L. SCHEINFLUG	10	R. BAKER
L. GAUTO	11	C. LORENZO

Referee: H. EILERTS
Linesmen: W. Irons, E. Truppe.

PAN HELLENIC v. BUDAPEST

J. BOUT	1	M. CLARKE
N. YANGOU	2	H. STEGBAUER
D. WRIGHT	3	T. ZUCKERMANN
R. McKELLAR	4	M. SCHAEFER
J. FERNIE	5	N. BRISBY
C. OMEROS	6	H. RODRIGUEZ
D. LOGAN	7	J. GALAMBOS
B. SMITH	8	J. WARREN
J. ELEFTHERIADIS	9	A. STOKES
S. PATRINOS	10	V. FERNANDEZ
J. PEARSON	11	M. KRGIN

Referee: K. LOCKREY
Linesmen: N. Hedland, H. Kuczynski.

APIA v. YUGAL

A. IGLESIAS	1	M. MAZZINA
C. VAN BLERK	2	H RINGHOFF
S. ACKERLEY	3	J. MUCILLO
P. HUGHES	4	L. LAZAREVIC
R. MURUA	5	M. STOJANOVIC
F. BOTTALICO	6	F. DUNAJ
G. GIACOMETTI	7	J. MEDINA
D. FALCONER	8	E. SCHWARZ
J. WATKISS	9	A. NINCEVIC
K. JAROS	10	D. PALMER
W. SINCLAIR	11	S. RAFANELI

Referee: A. BOSKOVIC
Linesmen: N. Micos, N. Campbell.

SOUTH COAST UNITED v. HAKOAH

B. RHODES	1	G. McGUIRE
P. WOODS	2	T. EDWARDS
B. SALISBURY	3	A. MARNOCK
J. KELLY	4	R. KEARNS
J. HARRIS	5	M. WOODS
M. TOLSON	6	D. EDWARDS
D. MAYER	7	J. HOOD
M. JOHNSTON	8	L. BAUMGARTNER
J. DOHERTY	9	J. CHRISTIE
G. BARNETT	10	E. HOLDER
W. PERRY	11	H. NINAUS

Referee: F. SBISA
Linesmen: S. Pundyk, D. Henderson.

Tipsters' corner

A win for the home team is indicated by 1, a draw by x and a win for the visiting team by 2.

THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST DIVISION MATCHES	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	EINAR PERSEN	MARCEL NAGY	S.W. GUEST*	MOST FAVORED
Prague v. Canterbury	1	1	1	1	2	1
Croatia v. Corinthians	x	1	1	1	x	1
Cum'land v. Bankstown	1	1	2	1	x	1
Pan Hellenic v. Budapest	x	x	x	2	2	x
APIA v. Yugal	1	1	x	1	1	1
SCU v. Hakoah	x	1	1	x	1	1
Bankstown v. Canterbury	1	1	1	x	2	1

* *Ron Corry, Canterbury goalkeeper.*

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Austria could ruin B'pest's high hopes

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Budapest (second) must defeat Austria (fourth) at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday to maintain pressure on leaders Juventus.

Budapest were a shade lucky to down Croatia last week but their pin-point precision passes were a joy to watch and Austria will need to improve even more than in recent weeks to win.

Austria will still be without suspended star Eddie Gruber, but with Johnny Baines, Helmut Sever and Ron Hawkshaw in excellent form they should throw out a serious but perhaps unsuccessful challenge to Budapest.

First round: Austria 4-3.

Cumberland v. Enfield
Bailey Reserve

These district sides have a common problem at the moment — how to improve their forward lines to bring their attacks to the high standard of their defence.

On recent form this game could be a goalless draw.

Both teams are due for a win and even though they are away, Enfield may just scrape home.

First round: Enfield 2-1.

Juventus v. Birkalla
Hanson Reserve

Downed by bottom team Victoria last week, Birkalla will be hoping to forget that chapter of heart-breaking near-misses in front of goal.

Juventus are experiencing a depressing run lately but have still been competent enough to triumph over adversity.

Bright spot for Juventus last week was the appearance of Fabrio De Luca who received his clearance from his former German amateur club on the eve of the Juventus v. Enfield game.

With six rounds remaining Birkalla, together with several other clubs, are mindful of the relegation risk and while they will be no pushovers Birkalla can hardly be expected to down the star studded leaders.

First round: Juventus 3-0.

Polonia v. Hellas
Croydon Park

Second last, Polonia have their backs to the wall and face a tough opponent in the revitalised Hellas.

After losing several of last year's side to interstate teams, Polonia gambled first on youth and then secured experienced players to plug gaps.

Hellas are equally as determined to make the top four as Polonia are to avoid relegation: so stand back for the action.

First round: Polonia 4-3.

Victoria v. Croatia
Enfield Reserve

Victoria broke a string of failures to defeat Birkalla last week and they still have a chance of retaining first division status if they continue in winning vein.

In this very even series it is no certainty that Croatia (third) will down Victoria (tenth) but with Bartolo Frlan back Croatia look winners.

First round: Croatia 3-1.

CRISP COMMENTS

Sydney club Pan Hellenic have approached Adelaide Budapest for the transfer of State forward Stefan Herczeg.

Budapest chairman Steve Fangler told SOCCER WORLD his club would consider the request at the end of the current season and would ask for a transfer fee of £1,500.

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State coach Tom Forde (Enfield City) has joined the staff of York Motors as a car salesman.

It is a significant appointment because the staff is composed of many Australian Rules League footballers and Forde is the first soccer player to join them.

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New Budapest secretary Mick Gregory is disturbed that many club secretaries are still sending letters to the club's former secretary.

Mick Gregory's address is 6 Alderman Ave, Seacombe Gardens. — Phone: 96-8663.

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Now secure in second position behind Lion, Malta United are gaining confidence of being promoted to first division next year.

Malta chairman Roy Phillips feels that while they have a good side it will need to be improved for the top grade and many advertisements have been lodged in the daily papers calling for Grade "A" players to join the progressive club.

Players interested should ring coach Howard Wells at 71-0923.

Les does it again in dying seconds

Budapest stayed closer to Juventus than a shadow with an exciting photo-finish win over Croatia last Saturday.

Locked together at 2-2 and with Croatia attacking persistently, Les Matiscsak broke away to win the game for Budapest with virtually the last kick of the game.

DETAILS:

Budapest v. Croatia 3-2
Scorers: Matiscsak 2, Herczeg for Budapest; Turic 2, for Croatia.

Victoria v. Birkalla 1-0
Scorer: Millar for Victoria.

Juventus v. Enfield 2-0
Scorers: De Luca, Pacella for Juventus.

Hellas v. Cum'land 2-1
Scorers: Jaksa, Lock (t.og.) for Hellas; Stockley for Cumberland.

Austria v. Polonia 4-2
Scorers: Baines 2, Eichmann, Sever for Austria; Pettit, Miller for Polonia.

LEADING SCORERS:

L. Matiscsak (Budapest)	18
J. Baines (Austria)	11
C. McRae (Enfield)	9
W. Slager (Croatia)	8
R. Batchelor (Enfield)	6
T. De Lyster (Hellas)	6
N. Rusalen (Juventus)	6
R. Jones (Birkalla)	6
R. Miller (Polonia)	6
J. Millar (Victoria)	6
H. Eichmann (Austria)	6
T. Crawford (Juventus)	5
E. Donnelly (Juventus)	5
P. McKenzie (Victoria)	5
P. Connell (Cumberland)	5
M. Peterson (Cumberland)	5

COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	9	2	1	27	8	20
Budapest	8	3	1	27	14	19
Croatia	6	2	4	23	21	14
Austria	6	1	5	25	23	13
Hellas	4	3	5	21	22	11
Birkalla	4	2	6	18	25	10
Cumberland	4	1	7	23	26	9
Enfield	3	3	6	21	25	9
Polonia	3	2	7	21	32	8
Victoria	3	1	8	19	29	7

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lion	10	—	—	45	6	20
Malta Utd.	7	2	1	32	9	16
Port Ade.	5	4	1	18	15	14
W.R.E.	2	6	2	10	19	10
Edinburg	3	2	5	24	20	8
Elizabeth	2	4	4	16	19	8
Orange-S.	3	2	5	10	22	8
Beograd	2	3	5	15	23	7
Salisbury	1	3	6	13	34	5
Napoli	1	2	7	11	27	4

Victoria calling

One of the few young stars in the Juventus line-up is 22-year-old left half, Alan Centry who during the past few weeks has clinched for himself a regular first team placing.

Alan, who only arrived here five months ago, comes from Hackney in London and played for Watford juniors.

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According to well informed reports, Polonia Soccer Club are likely to lose three of their first team players at the end of this season.

Goalkeeper Putkowski and both inside forwards, Jankowski and Zientara are likely to return to Poland at the end of the current season.

This will be a really big blow as these players are among the best and most colorful in the State League.

IF THE YOUTHFUL AND POLISHED MELBOURNE CONTINUE THEIR GIANT-KILLING SERIES THIS WEEKEND —

Slavia's box seat may get rattled

— From Bob Low in Melbourne —

Slavia retaining their "box seat" with a clear lead of one point should keep on top following their clash with the improving Melbourne.

And the other three leading positions must remain unchanged unless of course Polonia win both their Saturday and Sunday games and their superiors slip-up.

Alex'der v. SM Hellas

This all-action Greek battle should bring out a bumper crowd and perhaps fireworks.

Alexander, despite their lowly position, have no inferiority complex against the more highly placed sides but they lack the poise and balance to knock an experienced side like Hellas out of their stride.

Hellas have made a capture in new centre half Rousis who has steadied and improved their defence.

And this week will see him tested to the hilt when he has to subdue Spiridakis and Cairns.

My Tip: Hellas to win.

Hakoah v. Wil'mina

With only two points separating the sides and little difference between the overall strength of the teams, this could be an even-fought encounter.

Both are capable of productive soccer but by the same token they can also be patchy in their play.

In a game which should be of the high scoring variety, caution will be thrown to the wind.

My Tip: Hakoah.

Polonia v. JUST

With two colorful sides which at the moment are struggling to find their best form, this game should have a wide spectator appeal as both place sheer skill as top priority.

The surface at Elsternwick will suit both sides and the game may well develop into a test of the better ball-playing side winning through.

Polonia could have the pull in attack if they click but the Footscray boys are much more balanced in defence.

My Tip: Polonia.

Slavia v. Melbourne

Slavia could be on dangerous ground here against a youthful Melbourne side which, after a bad start to the season, are doing well of late.

The Port side defence is superb and their lifeless attack will welcome back Meechan after his suspension.

Direct attacking soccer with the emphasis on the through ball may worry Melbourne who are likely to have Malloy back after his injury.

My Tip: Slavia.

Lions v. Triestina

Four draws in a row against top sides are indication that Lions are making a real fight to get out of the danger zone.

And they should register their second win of the season against Triestina.

Nothing much between the sides in a matter of finesse or skill, which both lack but home ground and recent achievements favor Lions.

My Tip: Lions.

Juventus v. G. Cross

This should be a show of strength and toughness by Juventus with George Cross supplying the finer skills and probably better tactics.

Juventus have done remarkably well with the talent they have available and confidence is their keynote.

George Cross, still struggling to find a blend which will hoist them into the "four", may have new centre half Roy Thurnham on parade.

My Tip: A draw.

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	12	7	3	2	16	12	17
Juventus	12	6	4	2	19	13	16
JUST	12	6	4	2	22	17	16
Hellas	12	6	3	3	28	25	15
Polonia	11	5	2	4	27	16	12
G. Cross	12	5	2	5	20	20	12
Wil'mina	12	4	3	5	24	23	11
Melb.	12	5	1	6	28	31	11
Triestina	12	4	2	6	11	19	10
Hakoah	12	3	3	6	27	29	9
Alexander	12	3	1	8	13	22	7
Lions	11	1	4	6	17	27	6

Vic. players form union, clubs groan

At a meeting last week when over 100 players attended, the Victorian Soccer Players' Union was formed.

The players present at the meeting represented all 12 State League clubs as well as several clubs in the Metropolitan League.

Members pledged their support towards getting the remaining players in their clubs join up.

Jim Paul, a former deputy chairman of the now defunct Victoria Amateur Football Soccer Association (V.A.S.F.A.) has been invited to act as chairman.

The executive committee elected is: Kevin Cook a solicitor, Roy Hammond of A.B.V.2 Television and players Nigel Shepherd (Slavia), Bill Latto (Hakoah), Don Hodgson (George Cross) and Ollie Norris.

Former Dutch international, Mike De Bruyckere who is now with Lions as player-coach and who has been the prime mover in getting the Union formed was elected secretary.

During the discussion that followed De Bruyckere said that the primary aim of the association would be the abolition of the present registration form which binds a player for life.

Although the president of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Harry Dockerty, who was present, felt the formation of the new association would bring improvement in club and player relations, several State League Clubs are not sharing this opinion.

In fact a few clubs strongly resent this new body.

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South Melbourne Hellas appear to have solved a long standing problem with the arrival of new centre half, Rousis.

The player had an impressive debut against Slavia.

Rousis, who is 23, played two seasons with the Apollon Soccer Club in Athens.

Record draws in tight Vic. games

Catenaccio, riegel, verrou — call it what you like, the tight, defensive soccer with its low scores and frequent draws has arrived in Melbourne.

Never before in the history of the State League have five out of the six games ended up with draws.

A punter's dream on the treble chance but, of course, winning would be at a minimum.

The five all square games were a tonic for George Cross who gained the only outright decision of the round by beating Hakoah with a fluke goal in the last 30 seconds of the game.

DETAILS:

S.M. Hellas v. Slavia 0-0
A hard fought, entertaining game were no quarter was asked or given.

With defences on top throughout, the attacks made little impression near goal and Auchie for Slavia and new centre half, Rousis for Hellas were the shining stars.

But with a vast territoral advantage, especially in the second half, Hellas should have finished up comfortable winners.

G. Cross v. Hakoah 3-2
It wasn't until the last 30 seconds of the game that George Cross emphasised their obvious superiority.

And even so, the winning goal was something of a fluke.

Leading by a single goal at half time, Hakoah were often outplayed but they had an ace in left winger Keenan who was a constant thorn of flesh to the Maltese defence.

In the second half, will-o-the-wisp, Archie Campbell ran riot and laid the foundations for a George Cross win.

Scorers: Goldie, Copeland and Cassar for George Cross; McQuillan and Villers for (Hakoah).

Lions v. Wilhelmina 0-0
This was poor stuff indeed.

Kick and rush tactics by both sides reduced the game to a rock-bottom standard and all too often the game was held up by petty and spiteful fouling.

In the Lions' goal, Voigt distinguished himself with great saves and for Wilhelmina, Van der Gaag and Steele played well without much support.

Triestina v. Alex'der 0-0
Attacking play, displays of temper and glaring misses highlighted this Italian-Greek battle for safety points.

Wing half, Papakaloudkas of Alexander looked the only man with any real constructive ideas in two sides which sadly lack class.

M'bourne v. Polonia 1-1
Another blow to Polonia's premiership hopes which are fast fading.

And their dilly-dallying attack which looked half hearted at times must bear the brunt.

Despite having their backs to the wall in the first half, Melbourne's youngsters stood their ground and with a determined second half showing fully deserved their point.

Scorers: Haasz for Melbourne; Dudon for Polonia.

JUST v. Juventus 2-2
The old saying that you have to use your head in soccer was proved correct in this game where all four goals were scored with the head.

And Oxton's second counter was out of ths world — in fact Dixie Dean would have been proud of it himself.

Juventus, with their show of strength, missed a penalty when Hartley shot over with the score 2-2.

But is was poetic justice as the award seemed severe.

Scorers: Oxton (2) for Juventus; Blue (2) for JUST.

SYDNEY BITTER PROVING GROUND FOR BEST INTERSTATE GOALIES

There must be something in the Sydney air or water that violently disagrees with interstate goalkeepers. Some come here with tremendous and well-earned reputations — and flop.

Erno Grosz came to Sydney from Melbourne in 1962 where he was considered one of the State's best custodians.

In 1962 he had a splendid season but in 1963 started to crack and Budapest parted with him.

In fact, for a long time they didn't know how to dispose of him at all and when finally Melbourne's Triestina made a very modest bid for him, it was grabbed.

Well, since then Grosz has been performing brilliantly in Melbourne and at the moment leads in the "Best Player Award" conducted by the Melbourne newspaper SOCCER NEWS.

Charlie Horvath had a similar experience.

When in 1963 he had left Adelaide to join Sydney Hakoah, South Australia promptly went into mourning.

But in Sydney Charlie couldn't get going and although he did have some splendid displays, soon enough lost his form and confidence—and place in the first team.

So, dejected and disappointed, he packed his bags and returned to Adelaide to a hero's welcome.

And, mirabile dictu, within weeks he was back to his old brilliance, regaining his place in the South Australian team.

Norm Hobson was a third goalie to his try luck in Sydney.

He came to Sydney APIA from George Cross with the reputation of a giant—but the cruel Sydney soccer soon broke him down to life size.

Spaniard Audato Iglesias remained APIA's number one goalie and all Hobson ever got was a few outings when the charmingly theatrical Spaniard was injured.

So Hobson also turned it in and escaped back to Melbourne—and his old form.

Three excellent goalkeepers who, for some reason, failed to hold their forms in Sydney.

Wonder how Yachin and Gilmar and Fahrian and the others would fare here . . .

This amigo is Prague's quiet star

Every good team has a man that seldom shines and yet, with his constant, 90-minute play is a key member of his side.

This fetch-and-carry role in Sydney champion team Prague has been allocated to 25-year-old Argentinian Norberto ("Nobby") Badaracco.

He arrived in Australia just over a year ago with high credentials.

After eight years as a junior, amateur and then professional with the famous Independiente of Buenos Aires, Badaracco spent a season with Banfield (Argentina) and Cali (Colombia), both first division sides.

In 1957, while with Independiente, he was a member of the Argentine junior squad.

In South America's peculiar 4-3-3 set-up he usually played wing half—with No. 5 on his jersey.

However, in Prague he has been starring as a deep lying forward mainly setting up the scoring chances for Blitz, Tristram, Scheinflug and his countryman, Luis Gauto.

Earlier this year he got married by proxy and his bride, Lucrecia Palmadesa joined him from Argentina.

Now they live in a large flat, shared by another Argentine star, Salvador Isaac of Budapest-St. George, and his wife.

For some time he worked as a linesman with the Postmaster General's Department and now he earns his living in an Alexandria carton factory.

After some 15 months in Sydney he has settled down to the Australian brand of soccer.

"Prague is a good team and all the people are very kind and helpful to me", he said this week.

"This season we are having a bit of bad luck but we'll be okay again.

"Our coach, Walter Tamandl is a terrific fellow both on and off the field.

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Quite a few players who have recently joined Sydney clubs also appear in the book, including P. Woods (S. Coast), D. Mayers (S. Coast) and T. Edwards (Hakoah).

The book was compiled by that famous sports writer, Maurice Golesworthy essentially for British consumption.

However, with dozens of Australian clubs now keen to import players from England, quite a few club secretaries will probably rush and get a copy.

This is at present the only such reference book on the subject and by far the easiest way of obtaining information on players who may want to come to Australia.

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—P.D.

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READERS' LETTERS

TV, radio again relegate soccer

No cake for ABC

I wonder how the ABC can reconcile its Saturday sports coverage with its often proclaimed fairness?

To start with, for each soccer match about four or five Rugby Union matches are telecast 'live".

But even in broadcasting soccer is treated like a backward child.

"Now a score from the soccer", one hears a few times during the afternoon and then poor Martin Royal is finally allowed to say about 20 words.

"Thank you Martin Royal," the announcer shrieks and gets the listeners back to lengthy descriptions of Union League or racing.

I think the afternoon's coverage could be much more fairly spread — unless the ABC wants to admit it openly that soccer, despite its ever growing drawing power, is not their piece of cake.

F. McCabe,
Killara, NSW.

Wants ground

I can't understand how any clear thinking soccer official or supporter could possibly condemn the proposed soccer arena at Tempe.

If the ground is ever built it would be the best thing that ever happened to Sydney soccer.

Fans would at long last really enjoy top class comfort and players would play on a magnificent surface and improve their game.

Graham Dickson,
Coogee.

Rough play

Like every other soccer fan I deplore the rough play which has crept up in Sydney soccer.

The number of sent-off players and injuries speak for themselves this season and this alarming trend must be stamped out.

I would like to see harsher sentences imposed on offending players and less leniency on the part of the Appeals Board, which nowadays nearly always reverses the P and D Committee's sentences.

L. Kowzniak,
Chester Hill.

Shocking coverage

I fully agree with reader R. Badger in last week's SOCCER WORLD.

Soccer coverage on Sydney Television, with the exception of Channel 9 on Sunday morning and the ABC Saturday night at 7.20 p.m., is shocking.

I hope Channel 7's plans for their new sports shows include soccer.

The Sydney press, too, this year has had very little soccer.

T. Kadinsky,
Belmore.

Scapegoat?

Why must Prague always make scapegoats of their Argentinian players?

I was shocked to learn that Badaracco was dropped for the match against Bankstown when he was the best forward against Pan Hellenic on the holiday Monday.

Who, in this once great club, has a grudge against Gauto and Badaracco?

Remember how long it took Gauto to be recognized by officials last year?

This year, after having largely been instrumental to Prague's successes in 1963, both Badaracco and Gauto are being treated very unfairly.

Mrs. L. Rossi,
Miranda.

"Weird mob"

Soccer fans are surely a "weird mob".

Last Sunday week I saw hundreds of irate APIA fans nearly tear apart referee Boskovic at half-time of the Croatia match.

Yet after the game, when APIA had won 6-0, these same spectators applauded him and nearly chaired the bewildered referee off the field.

The attitude of some soccer spectators is quite illogical, entirely based on pent-up emotions and not commonsense or reason.

L. Hradek,
Bondi.

FORMER STAR DEAD

William Richard ("Podge") Maunder, one of Australia's Soccer "greats," died in Royal Newcastle Hospital yesterday after a two-year illness at the age of 61.

In 1920 Maunder was a member of the West Wallsend team that won the Gardiner Cup in 1921, defeating Granville 3-1 in Sydney.

Other teams he played with included West Wallsend "Bluebells" and New Lambton "Chatrocks".

As a centre forward, "Podge" had few peers, and soon attained international status, playing against Canada and China in 1922, and against England in 1924 and 1925.

He also toured New Zealand as a member of the Australian team.

He refused an offer to go to Scotland.

A versatile sportsman, he also played tennis, golf and cricket.

He finished his football in 1928 when he played for Kurri Kurri.

He is survived by a son, Kevin, and two daughters, Helen and Pam.

BALL BY BALL WE'RE AHEAD

Five soccer balls are being sold every week in NSW to every four rugby balls.

This is the claim of a man who should know — Bert Alcroft, football adviser to the leading NSW sports store of Mick Simmons Ltd.

Bert Alcroft said this last week on a Wollongong television sports programme.

A qualified rugby league coach, Alcroft said that the increassed sales of soccer balls undoubtedly showed that soccer was replacing rugby league as the major code of football in NSW.

Three years ago rugby balls outsold soccer balls at the rate of three to one.

Sales of soccer balls are even more impressive in the Wollongong area.

On the South Coast this year six soccer balls were sold to every four rugby balls.

If statistics included plastic practice balls, soccer would have a two to one sales advantage.

Sporting goods retailing figures also show that soccer boots, balls, jerseys, shorts and socks, are the biggest seller in NSW sport this year.

ALL RESULTS OF EUROPEAN NATIONS' CUP

I ROUND	II ROUND	QUARTER FINAL	SEMIFINAL	FINAL
Norway v. Sweden 0-2 1-1 Yugoslavia v. Belgium 3-2 1-0	Sweden beat Yugoslavia 0-0 3-2	Russia beat Sweden 1-1 3-1	Russia beat Denmark 3-0	Spain beat Russia 2-1 For third: Hungary v. Denmark 3-1 (Extra time)
Italy v. Turkey 6-0 1-0 Russia (bye)	Russia beat Italy 2-0 1-1			
Denmark v. Malta 6-1 3-1 Albania (bye)	Denmark beat Albania 4-0 0-1	Denmark beat Luxembourg 3-3 2-2 1-0		
Luxembourg (bye) Switzer'd v. Holland 1-3 1-1	Luxembourg beat Holland 1-1 2-1			
Spain v. Rumania 6-0 1-3 Poland v. N. Ireland 0-2 0-2	Spain beat Nth Ireland 5-1 2-0	Spain beat Eire 5-1 2-0	Spain beat Hungary 2-1 (Extra time)	
Austria (bye) Iceland v. Eire 2-4 1-1	Eire beat Austria 0-0 3-2			
Bulgaria v. Port. 3-1 1-3 1-0 France v. England 1-1 5-2	France beat Bulgaria 0-1 3-1	Hungary beat France 3-1 2-1		
Hungary v. Wales 3-1 1-1 E. Germany v. Czecho. 2-1 1-1	Hungary beat East Germany 2-1 3-3			

This was the second European Nations' Cup ever staged.

The first one lasted from 1958 to 1960 and was won by Russia, defeating Yugoslavia 2-1 in the final that went into extra time.

For third place Czechoslovakia defeated France.

The last stages of the Cup—semifinals and final—were played in France.

The recently concluded second series started in 1962.

A total of 29 countries nominated and such giants as Italy, England, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Sweden fell by the wayside.

The semifinals and final this year were all staged in Spain, that is Madrid and Barcelona.

The third European Nations Cup will run from 1966 to 1968.

Well planned pyramid may help youngsters to climb

When the NSW Cricket Association conducts its A.W. Green Shield and country coaching classes for schoolboys, no one considers that some sinister plot is being hatched.

No one suggests that through that junior cricket is being sabotaged.

Similar examples abound in junior tennis coaching, and in rugby and hockey championships for boys.

But when a lad jumps from under 15 or 16 soccer to a Federation or Amateur division club in Sydney, some junior officials become quite unhappy.

Of course, the best time to sign juniors is after their competitions conclude, ready for the next season.

Tact from Federation officials can help considerably.

In Sydney, some junior officials seem to have nailed a few inflexible policies to the mast. These include:

- That "separate development" is essential, and youngsters are not really encouraged to flow towards senior clubs.
- That Federation people should not be dealt with, if possible.
- That every association must run all grades including seniors, without benefit of a junior management committee.

Separate deal

The "separate development" fallacy dies hard.

Closer contact between senior and junior officials will show progressive junior people that the Federation is not comprised of ginger-bearded ogres nine feet high, but rather of many men who will assist youngsters to develop their potential.

In the absence of proper grading and steps to lead the best youth to higher grades and better clubs, soccer can only stagnate.

INCENTIVE must be the new order.

Juniors and schoolboys form the base of the football pyramid.

Successive, integrated grades and clubs must direct youth towards the pinnacle.

Consolidation of the Federation first division will expedite this progress.

For example, a first division club on North Sydney Oval would provide greater opportunities.

Surely if objectives in football can now be correctly defined, then junior soccer will rid itself of the present prejudices which can only inhibit proper growth.

—Keith Gilmour

PETER FUZES

Players such as P. Fuzes, G. Woods, M. Lissing, P. Salzman and P. Lakmaker are stepping quickly from juniors to High School football to Federation clubs.

Sydney teams have no time for slow coaches

The casualty rate among Sydney coaches compares favorably with that of the US Marines during the last war in the Pacific war theatre.

So far this season five of the 12 first division clubs have changed coaches.

Only four clubs have the same coach they had last year—and all four are player - coaches: Kelly, Woods, Tamandl and Massey.

The reason is obvious: clubs are reluctant to sack a player-coach because they are likely to also lose him as a player who had cost them a transfer fee.

These have been the changes in coaches:

- Pan Hellenic replaced Joe Vlasits with Frank Hearn after the second week—and second loss.

Hearn chalked up four successive wins with the team before levelling off.

Now his team is as disjointed as ever and certainly not better than in 1963.

- Lorinc Hegyes took over from Nick Szegedi after the fifth round when Budapest had a mere two points.

Since then in nine matches they collected 13 points and seem to have gained a new heart which gives them a chance for the semifinals.

It is undeniable that under Hegyes the team plays better and displays superior fitness.

- In Corinthians Harry Brophy was eased out after eight matches to make room for Frank Broome, rushed back from England.

Under Brophy Corinthians were plodding on, winning five points.

However, since Broome's arrival the team's fortunes took a change for the worse—only one point resulted from five matches.

- Ray Neal resigned in a huff from Bankstown when he felt that the club had questioned his judgement.

Until then Bankstown gained seven points from seven matches.

Under the new coach, Ron Hewitt, six matches brought only four points—a definite sign of slump.

- Denis Adrigan quit Canterbury after eight rounds when the team stood pointless.

However, his successor George Azzopardi didn't make all that difference: the team collected one point (from Corinthians) and is absolutely and mathematically beyond hope.

In other words, only Budapest appear to have made a good swap with their coaches while the other four teams are either worse off than before or certainly not out of the woods.

Prague (Tamandl), Cumberland (Quested), Yugal (Jagodic), Croatia (Massey), South Coast (Kelly), APIA (Polgar) and Hakoah (Woods) have stuck to their coaches right through the season.

It is interesting to note that when the 1964 season opened, Sydney first division teams had five Britishers, four Hungarians, and one Austrian, Yugoslav and Argentinian each as coaches.

At the moment the "British" quota stands at seven while the Hungarian dropped to two.

The others have remained unchanged.

So far . . .

—Paul Dean

Sagi retires

Andy Sagi, Hakoah's Hungarian-born forward has retired.

Sagi, only 28, hung up his boots a few weeks ago after being dropped from the Hakoah first team.

The Hungarian was a key player in the magnificent Prague team of 1959 and starred for NSW against Deportiva Saprissa (Costa Rica) only a few weeks after his arrival in Australia.

Sagi was a member of the Hungarian junior team in 1953 and played for MTK-Budapest.

He fled Hungary after the 1956 revolution and settled in Vienna before coming out to Australia with Schwarz and Tamandl.

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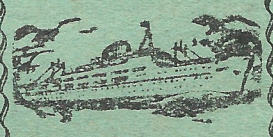

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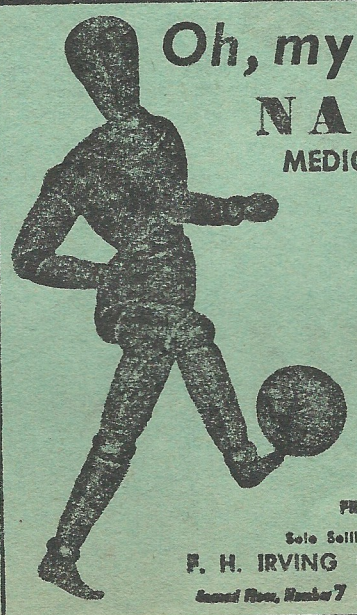

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